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FOLLOWING REPEAT BELGRADE 2473 ACTION SECSTATE DATED
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FOR EUR VEST AND EA HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG PEPR KS YO US

SUBJECT:YUGOSLAV NORTH KOREAN INITIATIVE

REF: A) STATE 065759 B) STATE 065788

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD ME THAT YUGOSLAVS HAVE
BRIEFED HIM ON TITO'S PROPOSED NORTH KOREAN INITIATIVE.
SPECIFICALLY, YUGOSLAVS HAVE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF TITO'S
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER THE GOY WILL APPROACH THE
NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSING TRIPARTITE (U.S., ROK,
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NORTH KOREA) LOW LEVEL TALKS. THE YUGOSLAVS ALSO SAID THAT
INITIATIVE HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN, BUT THAT IT WILL NOT
REPEAT NOT BE THROUGH THE NORTH KOREAN MISSION IN BELGRADE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THE YUGOSLAVS
GAVE THIS INFORMATION TO HIM AS A CONSEQUENCE OF HIS SPECIFIC
REQUEST FOR ANYTHING ON WHAT MAY HAVE TRANSPIRED DURING

THE TITO VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON THE SUBJECT OF NORTH KOREA.
IN GIVING THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION THE
GOY EMPHASIZED ITS SENSITIVITY.

3. I PLED IGNORANCE; AMBASSADOR IN TURN SAID THAT HIS FOREIGN
OFFICE IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT
CAN BE DEVELOPED, AND THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS HE HAS ASKED THE
YUGOSLAVS TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF PROGRESS. WHILE I HESITATE
TO GET INVOLVED IN U.S. RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, IT OCCURS TO ME
THAT IF WE HAVE NOT ALREADY BRIEFED TOKYO, WE PROBABLY SHOULD
DO SO SINCE THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE ALREADY LET THE CAT OUT OF
THE BAG. I WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY DUMB HERE (A NOT TOO
DIFFICULT TASK) UNLESS THERE IS SOMETHING YOU WANT ME TO
PASS ON TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.
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